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Applicants: Gerson, Ira A.
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**Title: SPEECH RECOGNITION TECHNIQUE BASED ON LOCAL INTERRUPT
DETECTION**

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit
the below remarks.

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REMARKS

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A non-final Office Action was mailed February 28, 2002 with regard to the above-
captioned application. Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore et
al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,125,284; hereinafter "Moore") in view of Houser. The Examiner has noted
that Moore fails to teach "detecting the presence of an indicator during speech that activates the
speech recognition processing." To overcome this deficiency, Houser is cited as teaching "a